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5. In the past three months, the Soviets have built three large buildings in Soviet Astara to be used as a clinic and rest home. In addition, they have also built a 12-room apartment which will serve as officers' quarters, dancing hall, and stable.
6. Soviet authorities have encouraged the inhabitants of Ashaghi-Gaduk (located between Shalejuran and Kaluz border posts) to vacate their village. As a result, the residents have moved to Lirik and Kaluz. Ashaghi-Gaduk has been reoccupied by 20 armed soldiers.
7. The frontier activity of the Soviet guards has increased recently. In several instances patrol schedules have been stepped up so that patrols are sent out at half-hour intervals.
8. On 9 and 10 June 1952, the Soviet frontier guards at the Kaluz border post performed firing exercises with heavy machine guns. 1st Lt. Burov, Commander of the post, was present at the target practice. No firing has been heard since this time.
9. All Soviet soldiers and frontier guards stationed at the border posts of Qapchi-Mahalleh, Astara, and Lezhi were inoculated against typhoid fever in May 1952.

Soviet Naval and Air Activity

10. On 20 May 1952, a new type of Soviet vessel equipped with an antiaircraft gun approached Iranian waters in the Astara area. These new vessels are manned by a crew of 10.
11. On 7 June 1952, Soviet ships bearing the numbers 343 and 144 cast anchor two kilometers off Soviet Astara. No. 343 was equipped with two guns of unspecified size and one antiaircraft gun. No. 144 carried two companies of troops and some civilians. The ships were accompanied by two smaller craft equipped with antiaircraft guns. A barge from Soviet Astara, carrying forty civilians and soldiers, met the ships. Six officers, one company of soldiers, and eight horses were transferred to the Astara barge from Ship No. 144. The barge then returned to Astara. At 1800 hours the officers returned to ship No. 144 and at 1900 hours both ships departed for the north.
12. The Soviets have produced a new three-engine aircraft which is capable of conveying medium-sized tanks.<sup>2</sup> This new plane has the following specifications:<sup>3</sup>

Wing span: 55 meters  
 Wings are situated on top of fuselage  
 Distance from propeller to tail: 22 meters  
 Trade Mark: T-24

Road and Rail Traffic

13. Recently 20 new type trucks, called Pobeda have arrived in Lenkoran and Astara from Baku. These vehicles travel back and forth between Baku and Lenkoran-Astara, transporting frontier guards and commodities.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment: No aircraft of such description or designation is listed in the official Air Force publication "Characteristics and Performance Handbook-- USSR Aircraft, March 1952". It is possible that source is referring to Type 24, a cargo glider.

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